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THE LITTLE MERMAID
Ariel's Secret

One day Ariel and her friend Flounder were playing tag under the sea.

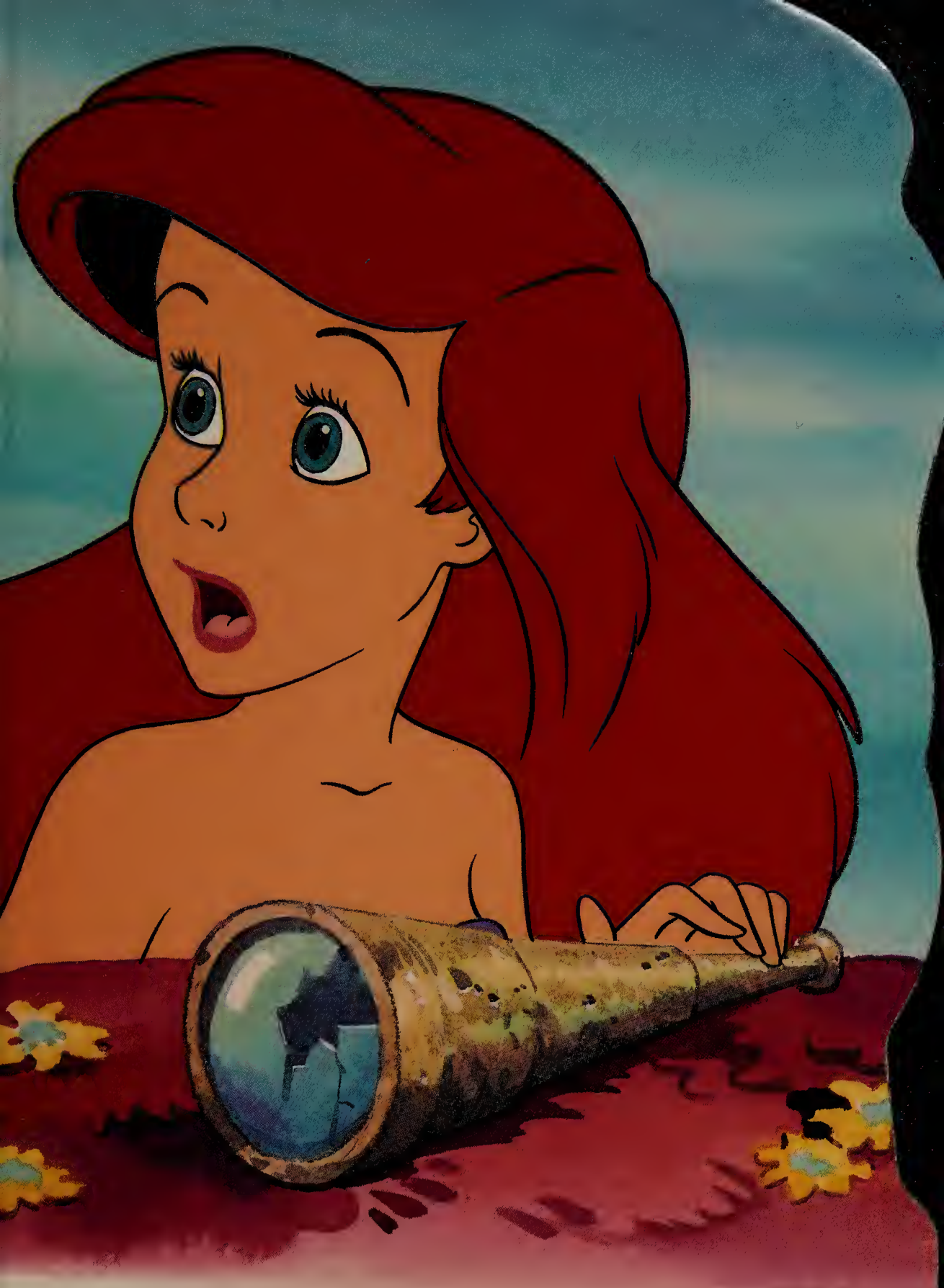
Suddenly the little mermaid stopped and picked up something from the sand. It was shiny and gold.

"Look, Flounder," she said. "What could this be?"

"I don't know," said Flounder. "I've never seen one before!"

As Ariel looked for more shiny treasures, Sebastian the crab came by.

"Leave those old things alone!" Sebastian cried. "They belonged to *humans*!"

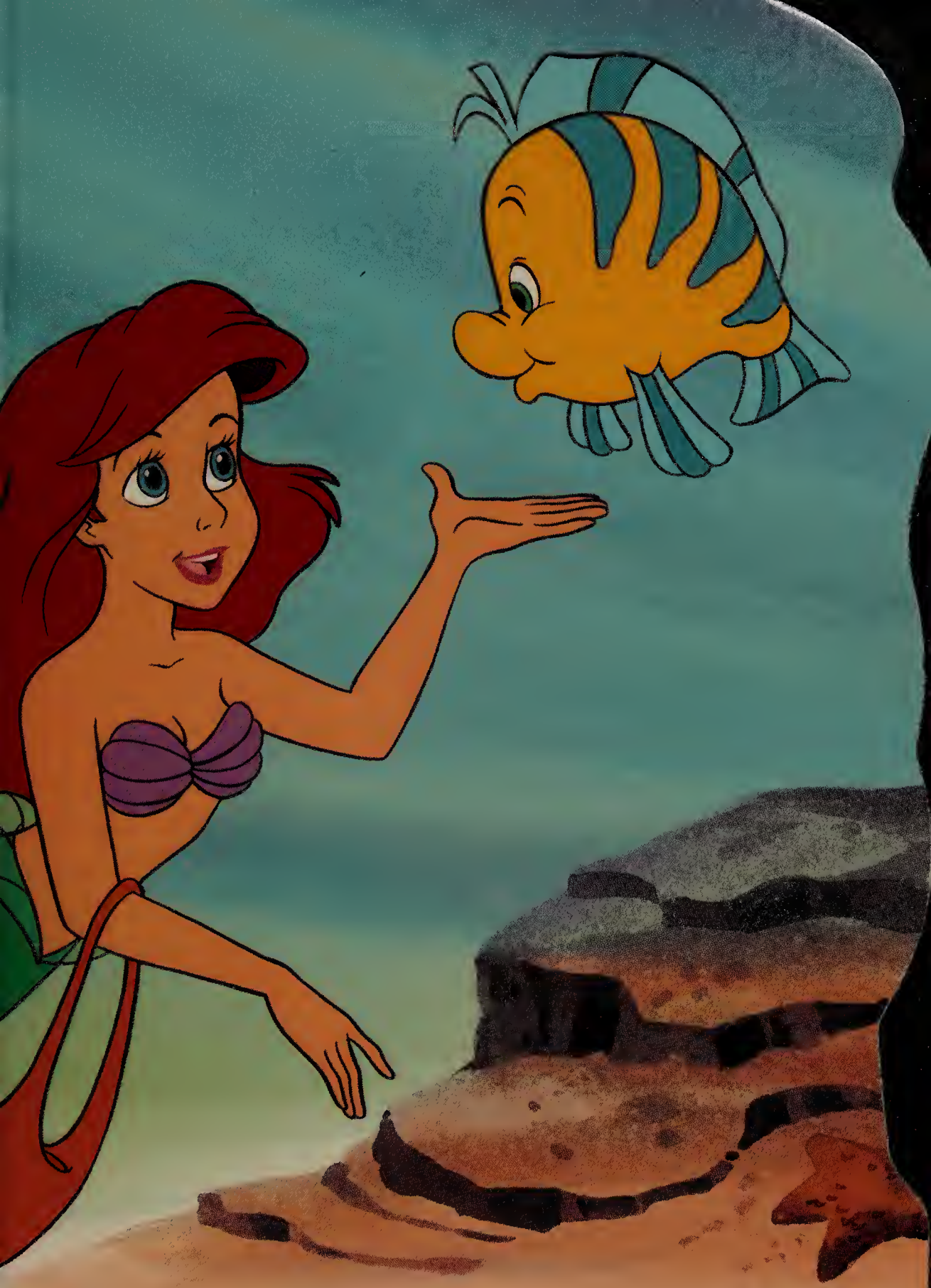


"Humans?" gasped Ariel and Flounder.

"Yes, humans," said Sebastian. "They are strange creatures who live above the sea."

"I think humans must be very interesting!" said Ariel excitedly. "How can I find out more about them?"

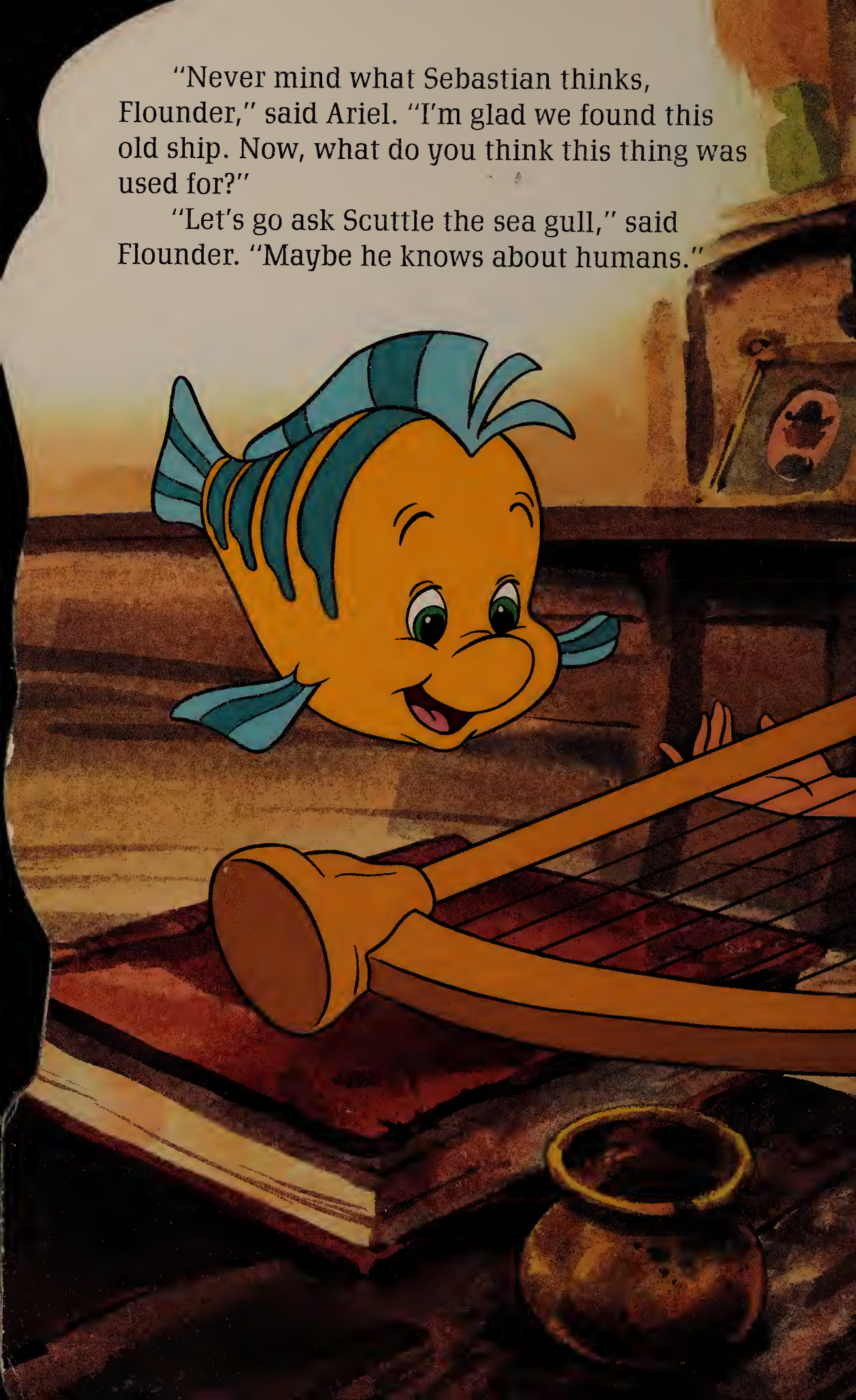
"There is a sunken ship beyond that reef," said Sebastian. "But it's dangerous. Don't go near it!"



But Ariel just laughed and swam off to find the sunken ship.

"Never mind what Sebastian thinks, Flounder," said Ariel. "I'm glad we found this old ship. Now, what do you think this thing was used for?"

"Let's go ask Scuttle the sea gull," said Flounder. "Maybe he knows about humans."



Later, after hearing Scuttle's wonderful stories about humans, Ariel led Flounder to a cave she had found.

"Flounder, can you keep a secret?" Ariel whispered. "I'm going to collect human treasures—and hide them here! And I'm going to learn everything I can about humans—from now on!"

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